(ग) सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में महिलाओं के उत्थान हेतु कार्यरत एजेंसियों/संगठनों का ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार सार्वजानिक क्षेत्र में इस क्षेत्र की अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति और अन्य पिछड़े वर्गो की महिलाओं के रोजगार का प्रतिशत बढ़ाने का विचार रखती हैं; और

(ड.) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) से (ड.) महिलाओं के रोजगार पर सरकार द्वारा ध्यान दिया जा रहा हैं। गुजरात राज्य सहित पूरे देश में ग्रामीण तथा शहरी, दोनों क्षेत्रों में क्षेत्रकीय कार्यक्रमों तथा विशेष रोजगार कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत आई.आर.डी.पी., ट्राइसैम तथा जे.आर.वाई. जैसी कुछ स्कीमों में महिलाओं के लिए आरक्षण के साथ महिलाओं की भागीदारी पर बल दिया जाता हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, महिला रोजगार में वृद्वि करने के लिए कुछ विशिष्ट स्कीमें हैं। ये स्कीमें हैं%

(i) प्रशिक्षण तथा रोजगार कार्यक्रम के लिए सहयोग (एस.टी.ई.पी.);

(ii) महिलाओं के लिए रोजगार और आय सृजक एवं उत्पादन केन्द्र की स्थापना (एन.ओ.आर.ए.डी.)

(iii) महिलाओं के लिए सामाजिक-आर्थिक कार्यक्रम;

(iv) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में महिला तथा बाल विकास (डी.डब्ल्यू.सी.आर.ए.)

सौराष्ट्र तथा कच्छ क्षेत्र में महिलाओं को रोजगार देने के लिए सरकार के पास कोई विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव नहीं हैं। बहरहाल, उपर्युक्त कार्यक्रम तथा कार्यनीति इस क्षेत्र में भी लागू हैं। सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ क्षेत्र सहित गुजरात राज्य में महिलाओं के उत्थान के लिए अनेक गैर-सरकारी संगठन कार्यरत है।

सौराष्ट्र तथा कच्छ क्षेत्र में अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जनजाति तथा अन्य पिछड़े वर्गो से संबंधित महिलाओं के लिए सार्वजानिक क्षेत्र में रोजगार इन वर्गो के पुरूषों तथा महिलाओं, दोनो के लिए पदों पर आरक्षण की यथा-स्वीकृति नीति के अनुसार प्रदान किया जाता हैं।

Depletion of Agricultural Labour

2058. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a complete depletion in agricultural labour sector and in due course the agricultural operations will come to a stand still; and

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to fill up the said vacuum?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) As per 1991 Census, the total number of agricultural workers in the country has gone up by 18.32 million during the decade 1981—91 registering a growth of 33.04 percent. This trend does not indicate depletion in the agricultural labour sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Bilateral trade in Gold with South Africa

2059. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bilateral arrangements for trading of gold with South Africa has been established between South Africa and India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Trade and Industry, South-Africa recently met the Minister of State for Commerce Government of India in New Delhi; if so, the nature of talks held and outcome thereof; and

(c) whether the two countries have signed any protocoVMOU on mining of manganese, gold, iron-ore, chrome and liquification of gas etc, and if not, what is the present state of negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, The Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa during his recent visit to India had a meeting with the Minister of State for Commerce, wherein various bilateral matters were discussed.

(c) No protocokMOU on mining of manganese, gold, iron-ore, chrome and liquification of gas etc. has been signed between India and South Africa. No negotiations are in progress in this regard.

Child Labour in Karnataka

2060. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of child labour estimated in Karnataka as on date;

(b) which are the industries where the child labour are working in Karnataka; and

(c) what are the steps taken to abolish child labour in Karnataka and whether the State-level child labour advising committee is functioning in Karnataka, if so, who are its members?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Border Area Development Programme in West Bengal

2061. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of money has been spent, district-wise, under Border Area Development Programme in West Bengal during 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) what schemes have been implemented so far for the socio economic upliftment of the people of Border Areas of the State under the BADP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) and (b) Schemes under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) are operated in blocks in West Bengal lying on Bangladesh border. Funds under BADP are released to the State Government and a Committee at the State level decides on sectoral a,nd spatial allocations. Schemes such as construction of flood relief shelters; construction of community centres; development of schools and libraries; creation of non-conventional energy sources; construction of market complexes; development of play-grounds; sinking of tubewells for potable water; sinking of tubewells for irrigation purpose; development of infrastructural facilities in the health institutions; repair-renovation of local roads; improvement of training facilities for blind boys and development of infrastructural facilities in juvenile home etc. have been implemented under BADP in West Bengal in 1993-94 and 1994-95. District-wise allocations during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are annexed.

Statement

District-wise allocation of Funds under BADP in West Bengal for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95

District	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
South 24-Parganas	639.150
North 24-Parganas	355.210
Nadia	300.006